

**Transportation Permit
Special Conditions for
Loads and/or Vehicles Escorted by Pilot Car(s)**

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The following special conditions are applicable to all permits requiring escort by pilot car(s):

Equipment:

Failure to comply with all equipment requirements under law renders the permit void and the vehicle and/or load out of service until all necessary repairs or additional equipment are obtained to meet said requirements.

Location and Responsibility:

- 1) Single Pilot Car:
- 2) Precede on two or three-lane conventional roads.
 - a) Follow on four or more lane conventional highways, divided highways, and freeways.
 - b) When two pilot cars are required, one shall precede and one shall follow.
- 3) Pilot cars shall remain right of the centerline of the roadway at all times except when prevented by the physical limitations of the highway. The use of a pilot car does not grant to the permittee the right to pre-empt the opposing traffic lane. When it becomes necessary because of the physical limitations of the highway to use a portion of the opposing traffic lane, the permit move shall not occupy that lane until it has been advised by the pilot car that the lane is clear of all on-coming traffic. Opposing traffic is not to be stopped, except in extreme emergencies. It shall be the responsibility of the permit move to stop safely and wait until the opposing lane is free of traffic before proceeding.
- 4) Pilot cars shall maintain a safe distance from the escorted vehicle to allow both passing and warning for other traffic.
- 5) Pilot cars shall accompany the permitted load over all operational California Highway Patrol scale and inspection facilities.
- 6) At no time shall a pilot car pre-empt opposing traffic.
- 7) A pilot car shall not tow another vehicle while escorting a load unless it is specifically stated on the face of the permit or permit rider.
- 8) STOP/SLOW sign paddles shall not be displayed from the window of a moving vehicle.
- 9) Pilot cars shall not stop opposing traffic except in extreme emergencies.
- 10) Pilot cars cannot escort more than one vehicle and/or load unless specified on the face of the permit or permit rider.
- 11) When necessary to post a flagger in order to warn and direct traffic, the flagging shall be done in accordance with Title 8, Sections 1598 and 1599 of the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health Construction Safety Orders and Caltrans "Manual of Traffic Controls". Flaggers shall not be less than 18 years of age.